

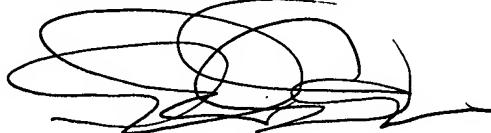
REMARKS

Claims 5-23 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claim 10 is amended and claims 21-23 are added for the Examiner's consideration.

In furtherance of the Examiner interview, Applicants have amended claim 10 and added claims 21-23. Claim 10 is now amended to delete reference to the turbulent flow. Claim 21, which depends from claim 10, now recites this feature. Claim 22 is an independent claim which recites, in part, the vertical alignment of at least the runner, the feeder head portion and the gate. This is shown in at least 1-4, as discussed in the interview, and this feature amongst others, is distinguishable over the prior art of record. Claim 23 is dependent from claim 22.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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